



## The Power of Resurrection

- ✦ The resurrection of the Lord Christ from death, to Him be the Glory, was a fulfillment of the Holy Bible's words, ***"With men it is impossible, but not with God."*** (Mark 10:27) This power astonished St. Paul and he said, ***"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection."*** (Phil. 3:10)
- ✦ The Lord granted us the power of His resurrection for ***"all things are possible to him who believes."*** (Mark 9:23) About this St. Paul writes, ***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*** (Phil. 4:13) Now we see nothing to be difficult or impossible after the Lord trampled death by His death and granted us victory over it, opening for us the gates of paradise which were shut. He placed in our mouths the words of victory, ***"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*** (1 Cor. 15:55)
- ✦ The power of resurrection gave the disciples courage and valor in their ministry. They declared the good news in all bravery and without restraint.
- ✦ The resurrection taught us that nothing is impossible for God, all things are possible. ***"God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty."*** (1 Cor. 1:27)
- ✦ Christianity is not faith of weakness, but of power. It grants man marvelous powers and cancels the word "impossible." Nothing is difficult in Christianity and there is no despair or failure, but it rather gives power as mentioned in Phil. 4:13.
- ✦ Of the things which seem difficult in Christianity are the cross, and the narrow gate. Nevertheless, Christians carried their crosses and went through the narrow gate chanting with the Apostle's saying, ***"And His commandments are not burdensome."*** (1 John 5:3)
- ✦ How difficult, in the world's view, are turning the other cheek, walking the second mile, loving the enemies, and selling everything that belongs to oneself to give to the poor! How difficult it is to follow a faith which calls for asceticism and simplicity! But this faith which appears difficult to follow, has not only spread in the whole world and gathered many around its tradition of asceticism by their own complete free will, but also they desired to endure suffering and to accept martyrdom, taking the cross as their banner.
- ✦ Christianity is a powerful faith as it started by the power of resurrection which overcame death and opened the gates of Hades, bringing the righteous to the Paradise. We also saw power in the preaching of the good news and power in enduring persecution and martyrdom.
- ✦ The Christian is powerful in spirit and character, not fearing anything. His power is not drawn from his own self but from the Spirit of God. It is the power of Christ Who says, ***"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*** (John 16:33)
- ✦ It is the power which is evident in St. Augustine's words, ***"I was on top of the world when I felt that I do not desire anything and that I do not fear anything."*** It is the power of being freed from things, of asceticism and of chastity.
- ✦ If we live the joy of resurrection, let us consider its power and overcome death, the death of sin, that we may rise in the resurrection of the righteous.

## May Service Schedule

**Weekly Divine Liturgies:** Sunday 6–8:30AM and 9–11:30AM, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 7:30–10AM  
**Weekly Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 7:30 – 8:30 PM      **Adult Hymns Class:** Thursday 7:30 – 8:30 PM  
**Sunday School Bible Study:** Friday 6:45 – 8:00 PM      **Youth Fellowship Meetings:** Friday 8 – 9:30 PM  
**Saturday Evening:** Vespers Praises 6:30 – 7 PM, Raising of Incense & Arabic Bible Study 7 – 8:30 PM,  
Hymns Class 8 – 8:30 PM, Midnight Praises 8:30 – 10 PM  
**Sunday School Service:** Sunday after the Divine Liturgy  
**Confession:** Friday & Saturday Evening, & after weekly Liturgies.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liturgy of St. George's Feast: Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 – 10 AM</li> <li>• St. Joseph's Precious Elders Fellowship: Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup> after Liturgy</li> <li>• Liturgy of St. Mark's Feast: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 10 AM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Weekday Liturgies During the Holy 50 Days: from 7:30 – 10 AM</li> </ul> |
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*Come and invite others. God bless you all. Very Reverend Fr. Abraam Georgy and Fr. Abraham Wassef*